

# WEST Search History

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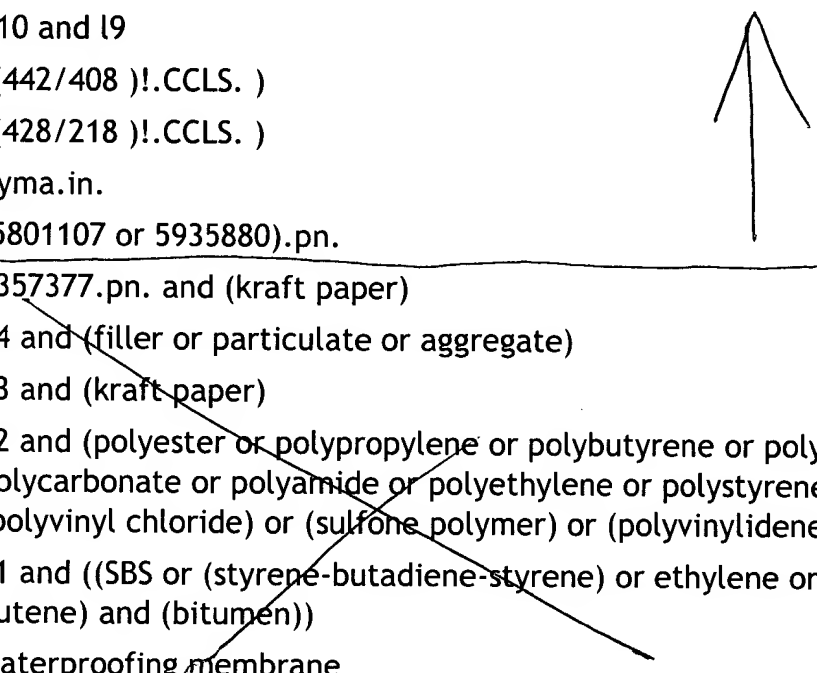
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L8	byma.in.	55	L8
L7	(5801107 or 5935880).pn.	4	L7
L6	4357377.pn. and (kraft paper)	1	L6
L5	L4 and (filler or particulate or aggregate)	7	L5
L4	L3 and (kraft paper)	7	L4
L3	L2 and (polyester or polypropylene or polybutyrene or polyimide or polycarbonate or polyamide or polyethylene or polystyrene or PVC or (polyvinyl chloride) or (sulfone polymer) or (polyvinylidene chloride))	81	L3
L2	L1 and ((SBS or (styrene-butadiene-styrene) or ethylene or propylene or butene) and (bitumen))	85	L2
L1	waterproofing membrane	457	L1



END OF SEARCH HISTORY

WRITTEN OPINION

09/976,537  
International application No.

PCT/US01/42720

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